Sl.No.	Service Area	M/s BSNL	M/s.RIL
16.	Tamil Nadu	1424	1769
17.	Uttar Pradsh(East)	2210	4721
18.	Uttar Pradesh(West)	434	3183
19.	West Bengal	1072	4542
	TOTAL	24794	21459

PCO Connections at Panchayat level in Chhattisgarh

†310. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that great diffculty is being faced in getting a PCO connection at Panchayat level in the rural areas of Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that irregularities are being committed in the quality of telephone instrument while providing a new connection; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) yes, Sir. This is mainly on account of non-availability of Fixed Wireless Telephone (FWT) instruments which are likely to be supplied shortly.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Optic Fibre Link to Pakistan

311. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend optic fibre link to Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.